

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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February 10, 2014

Ms. Laura J. Wright, Operator E & W Farms 770 Red Clay Park Road Cleveland, TN 37321 CERTIFIED MAIL No. 7008 1830 0004 8092 2541

Subject: Notice of Violation

NPDES Permit No. TN0080365

E & W Farms

Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee

Ms. Wright:

The Division of Water Resources is sending you this letter as a final attempt to notify you that your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for your concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) has expired. If you fail to respond as outlined in this letter the Division intends to move forward in the enforcement process.

Our records indicate that your CAFO permit expired on May 31, 2010; therefore, your complete application should have been received at least 180 days prior to May 31, 2010. While you have initiated a permit application for your facility, that permit application remains incomplete.

Operating a CAFO without a permit is a violation of state, and in some cases federal law. The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act states that it is unlawful to construct, install, or operate a CAFO without a valid permit (see Tenn. Code Ann. § 69-3-108 (7)). State law provides for civil penalties for each day the violation (operating without a permit) occurs or continues.

A complete application (including the necessary application forms and a nutrient management plan) must be submitted to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) within 30 days of the date of this letter. TDA will notify the division when they receive your application and they will begin reviewing it for completeness. If you have any questions about what is missing/incomplete in your application please contact Mrs. Heidi McIntyre-Wilkinson with TDA at 615-837-5492 or by E-Mail at Heidi.McIntyre-Wilkinson@tn.gov.

Application materials should be submitted by email to Heidi.McIntyre-Wilkinson@tn.gov or may be mailed to:

Heidi McIntyre-Wilkinson Water Resources TDA-Ellington Agricultural Center PO Box 40627 Nashville, TN 37204

If you have questions regarding the above deadline or have ceased operation please contact Ms. Erin O'Brien at (615) 253-2245 or by E-mail at *Erin.O'Brien@tn.gov*.

Sincerely,

Brad C. Harris, P.E.

Manager, Land-Based Systems

cc: Permit File

Chattanooga Environmental Field Office

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